

House Resolution No. 2925

Whereas, it is with genuine pleasure and tremendous admiration that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their diverse legislative endeavors in order to acknowledge a milestone accomplishment by one of this state's foremost citizens, Elizabeth Jane "Betty" Ellinghouse of Ironton; and

Whereas, on May 29, 2004, the Greenville Alumni Association will bestow well-deserved honors and accolades upon Betty Ellinghouse because of her very special status as an alumna of Greenville High School; and

Whereas, born on February 10, 1908, on a farm in the Center Ridge School District ten miles south of Greenville, Betty Ellinghouse graduated from Greenville High School seventy-five years ago in the year 1929 as the Roaring Twenties were about to abruptly usher in the Great Depression in American history; and

Whereas, one of Greenville's premier basketball players, the former Betty Mabrey married Charles L. Ellinghouse, Sr., in 1930 and admirably gave him her full support and encouragement as he diligently devoted himself to a journalistic career as editor of the Greenville Sun and other weekly newspapers; and

Whereas, Betty Ellinghouse is the mother of four children, Glenda M. Jongeward of The Woodlands, Texas; Cletis R. Ellinghouse of Puxico; Mary Beth Montgomery of O'Fallon; and Wayne County Journal-Banner publisher Harold T. Ellinghouse of Piedmont; and the stepmother of the late Charles L. Ellinghouse, Jr., who, with his widow, Louise, graduated from Greenville High School; and

Whereas, Betty Ellinghouse attended Southeast Missouri State University; taught rural schools at Kime (Oak Grove), Pleasant Valley, and Peach Tree in Wayne County, and Roberts in south Iron County; and joined First Baptist Church in Piedmont, where she taught the Golden Circle Sunday school class for several years; Order of Eastern Star; and the Twentieth Century Club, which she served as President; and

Whereas, Betty Ellinghouse also deserves mention of her receipt of rare Fifty-Year Membership recognition from the Order of Eastern Star:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive life of Elizabeth Ellinghouse and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest congratulations as she celebrates the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of her graduation from Greenville High School; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Elizabeth Jane "Betty" Ellinghouse of Ironton, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Rod Jetton
Speaker Pro Tem
District No. 156

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2925, adopted May 11, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker